

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on January 12, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Scott Sales
Rep. Alan Olson
Rep. Debby Barrett

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing:	HB 103, HB 105, HB 124, HB 132, HB 140, HB 142
Executive Action:	HB 96, HB 140

HEARING ON HB 103

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:56 Rep. Craig Witte (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 103, Amend constitution to revise qualifications for legislative candidates.

Proponents Testimony: None

Opponents Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:09 Rep. Caferro
00:06:29 Rep. Witte
00:08:10 Rep. Dickenson
00:09:57 Rep. Witte
00:10:07 Rep. Jones
00:10:30 Rep. Witte
00:10:53 Rep. Jones
00:11:17 Rep. Witte
00:11:29 Rep. Jones
00:12:27 Rep. Witte
00:14:04 Rep. Jacobson
00:15:42 Rep. Witte

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:28 Rep. Witte

HEARING ON HB 105

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:06 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 105, Revise training of state agency personnel on tribal issues.

[EXHIBIT\(sth08a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth08a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth08a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth08a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth08a05\)](#)

Proponents Testimony:

00:23:14 Reno Charette, Governor's Office, Indian Affairs
Coordinator

EXHIBIT(sth08a06)

00:27:35 Joe Lamson, Superintendent Of Public Instruction Office

00:29:15 Ellen Swaney, Office of Commissioner of Higher
Education, Director of Indian Minority Achievement

Opponents Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:15 Rep. Windy Boy

HEARING ON HB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:15 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB
124, Flexibility in contracting for public employee
health care benefits.

Proponents Testimony:

00:35:39 Connie Welsh, Department of Administration

Opponents Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:08 Rep. Olson

00:38:03 Ms. Welsh

00:38:17 Rep. Jones

00:39:15 Rep. French

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:46 Rep. French

HEARING ON HB 132

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:04 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 132, Revise laws on access to state publications.

Proponents Testimony:

00:52:19 Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian

[EXHIBIT\(sth08a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth08a08\)](#)

01:00:07 Judy Meadows, State Law Librarian

01:01:36 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association

Opponents Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:31 Rep. Dickenson

01:03:46 Ms. Staffeldt

01:04:59 Rep. Ankney

01:05:39 MS. Staffeldt

01:06:00 Rep. Ankney

01:06:10 Ms. Staffeldt

01:06:51 Rep. Olson

01:07:10 Ms. Staffeldt

01:08:16 Rep. Ingraham

01:09:18 Ms. Staffeldt

01:09:27 Rep. Ingraham

01:09:32 Jim Kammerer, State Publications Coordinator

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:20 Rep. Sesso

01:12:36 Chairman Himmelberger

01:12:43 Rep. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 140

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:28 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 140, Notarization not required if declaration for nomination filed electronically.

Proponents Testimony:

00:44:36 Elaine Graveley, Election Deputy, Secretary of State

Opponents Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:05 Rep. Ingraham

HEARING ON HB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:33 Rep. Hal Jacobson (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 142, Authorize active duty call out for disaster preparedness training.

Proponents Testimony:

01:18:11 Major General Randy Mosley, Adj. General of the Montana National Guard

01:21:36 Roger Hagen, Officer and Enlisted Personnel Representative of the Montana National Guard

Opponents Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:23:55 Lt. Col. James P. Moran, Attorney for the Montana National Guard

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:28:05 Rep. Small-Eastman
01:28:50 Lt. Col. Moran
01:29:49 Rep. Small-Eastman
01:31:03 Lt. Col. Moran
01:32:10 Gen. Mosley
01:33:43 Rep. Ankney
01:34:13 Gen. Mosley
01:35:09 Chairman Himmelberger

01:35:47 Rep. Jacobson
01:36:38 Lt. Col. Moran
01:40:29 Rep. Hendrick
01:41:16 Gen. Mosley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:33 Rep. Jacobson

01:44:35 Recess
01:56:25 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 96

01:58:35 **Motion:** Rep. Ankney moved that **HB 96 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:58:41 Rep. Ankney
02:01:14 Rep. Phillips
02:02:14 Rep. Ingraham
02:02:36 Sheri Heffelfinger
02:03:00 Rep. Jacobson
02:04:45 Sheri Heffelfinger
02:06:16 Rep. Dickenson
02:07:47 Sheri Heffelfinger
02:08:05 Rep. Dickenson
02:08:23 Rep. Phillips
02:08:51 Rep. Malcolm
02:09:17 Sheri Heffelfinger
02:10:10 Rep. Malcolm
02:10:42 Rep. Wilmer
02:11:13 Rep. Caferro
02:12:40 Rep. McNutt
02:13:55 Sheri Heffelfinger
02:14:06 Rep. McNutt
02:14:19 Rep. Jacobson
02:15:19 Rep. Phillips
02:15:50 Rep. Malcolm
02:16:12 Roger Hagen
02:20:01 Rep. Jones

02:21:22 **Vote:** The motion carried by roll call vote, 13-5 with
Reps. Sales, Barrett and Olson voting by proxy.
Reps. Ingraham, Jacobson, Dickenson, Malcolm and
Phillips voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 140

02:23:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 140 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Sales,
Barrett and Olson voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:24:11 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sth08aad.pdf](#))